The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"It was because the Government thought that Mr. Siva Rao's presence on the Bellary Municipal Council would be useful."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know if Mr. Siva Rao belongs to the depressed classes?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"The hon. Member knows to what class Mr. Siva Rao belongs."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"Is it because Mr. Siva Rao voted for the constitution of the Madras Parliamentary Committee that he was nominated?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"That was not the reason."

*Nomination of Mr. W. P. A. Soundarapandia Nadar as President of the Ramnad District Board.*

*1128 Q.—Mr. K. R. VENKATARAMA AYYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the District Board of Ramnad passed a unanimous resolution that it should be permitted to elect its own President and communicated the resolution to the Government or to His Excellency the Governor;

(b) whether thereafter the Government appointed Mr. W. P. A. Soundarapandia Nadar, M.L.C., of Pattiveeranpatti, Madura district, as a member and President of the district board, Ramnad;

(c) what were the reasons for Government not giving effect to the said resolution of the district board;

(d) whether the Government considered the propriety of appointing any of the already existing members of the Ramnad District Board as President;

(e) what are the reasons for the appointment of Mr. Soundarapandia Nadar as President in preference to existing members of the Ramnad District Board; and

(f) what is the age, educational qualification and previous standing and experience of Mr. Soundarapandia Nadar as a member or President of any local or municipal body?

*A.*—(a) & (b) Yes.

(c) & (e) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer given to clause (b) of question No. 838 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 29th November 1928.

(d) The Government considered all aspects of the case before coming to a decision.

(f) He was a member of the Nilakkottai Taluk Board in the Madura district. The Government have no information as to his age and educational qualifications.

*Construction of the road from Cheruvathoor to Malabar.*

*1129 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have considered the request of the South Kanara District Board that the cost of Rs. 72,000 for constructing the 8 miles and odd of the coast road from Cheruvathoor to connect it with Malabar should be met from provincial funds; and